

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--In one embodiment, the method comprises obtaining a semi-permeable container having a polymeric external surface, obtaining a metallic layer, placing the metallic layer against the external surface, and melting at least a portion of the external surface beneath the metallic layer. The metallic layer may include metallized polyester such as Mylar® metallized polyester manufactured by E.I duPont de Nemours and Company.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The method of the present invention advantageously places a protective metallic layer onto a semi-permeable container to prevent label inks and adhesives from migrating into the container. Thus, the protective layer helps to prevent contamination of the product contents.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8-10 and 19-22.

REMARKS

The present application is a divisional of Serial No. 09/513,239. Claims 8-10 and 19-22 have been cancelled and are being pursued in Serial No. 09/513,239. Claims 1-7 and 11-18 are being pursued in the present application.

If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (650) 843-3389.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE TITLE:

The title on page 1, lines 1-2 has been amended as follows:

METHODS [AND CONTAINERS] FOR PREVENTING CONTAMINATION
OF PRODUCTS FROM PRODUCT LABELS AND ADHESIVES

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

The title of the Abstract of the Disclosure on page 14, lines 1-2 has been amended as follows:

METHODS [AND CONTAINERS] FOR PREVENTING CONTAMINATION
OF PRODUCTS FROM PRODUCT LABELS AND ADHESIVES

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The following paragraph has been inserted beginning on page 1, line 3:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/513,239, filed on February 24, 2000.

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